

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

POTENTIAL 2005 INTERIM STUDIES AND REPORTS

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STUDIES REQUIRED BY LEGISLATION

- **Division of State History (H.B. 308, 2005 General Session)**
(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee study and make recommendations regarding the most appropriate location for the analysis of proposed undertakings on lands owned or controlled by the state or its subdivisions.
(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the recommendations provided in Subsection (1), together with proposed legislation, if determined to be necessary, be presented to the Legislative Management Committee by the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee no later than October 31, 2005.
- **Funds expended for Species Protection (H.B. 1, Item 170, 2005 General Session)**
"It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department Natural Resources report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee . . . on or before their November, 2005 meeting, providing detailed information on how funds are expended for the Colorado River, Sucker, and Virgin River plans, including detailed information on contracts issued, deliverables required, and deliverables accomplished."

ONGOING REPORTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE (may be received in written form)

- **Recycling Market Development Zones**
Subsection 9-2-1603(7) requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to ". . . submit an annual written report evaluating the effectiveness of the [recycling market development zone] program and providing recommendations for legislation to the . . . Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee not later than November 1 of each year."
- **Rural Development Fund Grants**
Subsection 9-14-106(2) requires the Division of Community Development to ". . . make an annual report to . . . the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee on the number and type of grants made under this chapter."
- **Rural Electronic Commerce Communications System Fund Grants**
Subsection 9-15-106(2) requires the Division of Community Development to ". . . make an annual report to . . . the Legislature's Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee concerning the number and types of grants awarded under this section."
- **Purchases of Goods Recycled Paper and Paper Goods**
Subsections 63-56-20.7(6) and (14) require the state chief procurement officer to ". . . provide a written report . . . [on the quantity of, and costs associated with the purchase of, recycled paper and recycled paper products purchased] . . . to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee prior to November 30 of each year."

SUNSET REVIEW (Assigned by Legislative Management Committee)

- Title 19, Chapter 6, Part 6, Lead Acid Battery Disposal, is repealed July 1, 2006.

2005 MASTER STUDY RESOLUTION (Assigned by Legislative Management)

- 99. **Veterinary Technicians** - to study whether to certify veterinary technicians.
- 132. **Allocation of Waste Tire Recycling Fee** - to study whether to allow retailers to keep a portion of the waste tire recycling fee.

133. **Animal Feeding Responsibilities** - to study the responsibility of land owners who do not allow hunting on their lands to provide year-round feeding for the animals so they do not eat food intended for livestock on the property of other land owners.
134. **Apple Initiative** - to study funding of education from income from federal lands alternative.
135. **Athletic Foundation Report** - to study having the Utah Athletic Foundation report yearly to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.
136. **Branding Law Reciprocity** - to study the branding laws of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and other surrounding states, including a comparison of Utah's and Wyoming's branding laws.
137. **Division of State History Reorganization** - to study the reorganization of the State Antiquities Section, the archeologist portion of the Division of State History.
138. **Irrigation Companies** - to study issues related to water rights in irrigation companies.
139. **Local Water Rights** - to study water rights held by political subdivisions.
140. **Natural Resources Law Enforcement** - to study the structure of law enforcement within the Department of Natural Resources.
141. **Oil and Gas Drilling Permit Litigation** - to study how to address the hundreds of oil and gas leases that have been awarded in Utah by the Bureau of Land Management but not issued due to continuing litigation.
142. **Raw Milk** - to study issues related to raw milk sales.
143. **Standing of Private Water Companies** - to study whether private water companies should have the same standing as cities or special service districts for water filings, protesting water rights, and sanitation standards and costs.
144. **Uniform Environmental Covenants Act** - to study how to address the problem of vacant, abandoned, and underused sites with various forms of environmental contamination.
145. **Water Banking** - to study issues related to a water banking program.
146. **Water Development** - to study Bear River water development in Box Elder County, including the Washakie Reservoir site.
158. **Water and Land Rights of Cities** - to study whether cities should have the right to chase water and land upstream, especially with water districts in place.
- * **Lake Powell Pipeline** - to study whether the Lake Powell Pipeline project should receive state level status similar to that of the Bear River Development Project.
 - * **Water Funding** - to study whether to remove the cap on the Water Development Fund and the possible use of new revenue to purchase rights of way for future projects (i.e. Bear River, Lake Powell Pipeline, etc.)
 - * **State Participation in Bear River Development** - to study whether to change the current Bear River Development requirement of 70% of water sold prior to state participation.
 - * **Electronic Waste Disposal and Recycling**
 - * **Long Term Projections of Water Use and Water Reclamation**

ITEMS CONTINUED FROM 2004 INTERIM

- * **Solvency of Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund** - to study the solvency of the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund (this was reviewed in the 2004 interim and was recommended for further review in 2005).
- * **Followup Legislative Audit of the Department of Environmental Quality** - The Hazardous Waste Regulation and Tax Policy Task Force recommended that this followup report be reported to the interim

committee.